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West Virginia Ethics Commission
210 Brooks Street, Suite 300, Charleston WV 25301
(304)558-0664 or (866)558-0664

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Ethics Commission does not have the authority to enforce the Open Governmental Meetings Act. Complaints which allege only violations of that Act will be dismissed.

I. Person bringing Complaint ("Complainant")

Name: ROBERT CORNELIUS Telephone: 740-350-5174
Email: robcmv@gmail.com Alternate telephone: _____
Address: 4 Willowbrook Dr.
City: N. PARKERSBURG County: Wood State: WV Zip: 26104

II. Person against whom Complaint is brought ("Respondent")

Current or former public official; public employee; "public servant volunteer" or lobbyist. Only one Respondent may be listed on each Complaint form.

Name: JAMES C. JUSTICE II Position or title: Governor
Telephone: 304-647-7903 (e.g., Mayor of Smallville, Potomac Co. Commissioner)
Email: None Alternate telephone: _____

Home Address: 208 Dwyer Lane Lewisburg, WV 24901

Name(s) and contact information of any witness(es) to the alleged misconduct:

<u>Steve McConihay</u>	<u>304-558-0403</u>
<u>Chip McDowell</u>	<u>304-558-0403</u>
<u>Chris Bestick</u>	<u>304-558-0403</u>
<u>Diana Bartley</u>	<u>304-641-7420</u>

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ETHICS COMPLAINT

R. Cornelius

Name of Complainant

v. JAMES C. JUSTICE II

Name of Respondent

I hereby allege that the Respondent violated the West Virginia Ethics Act as follows:

(Provide a full and detailed statement of the facts, specifically Respondent's actions. Include all relevant dates and the names and contact information of any person who may have witnessed the Respondent's actions. Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

Governor did use WV State Aircraft N1WV, King Air, and state employed pilots to pick him up at his private home, an airport in Lewisburg, fly to a campaign event, and return to Lewisburg, before returning the plane to Charleston.

It is unclear that the travel of 4/24-26 was in any official capacity, other than to make a campaign speech at the Harrison County GOP Dinner on 4/25.

In the Governor's Campaign Finance Report of Q2 2019, there is no citation of any payout for this flight, nor is it recorded as a donation by any entity.

The combined value of the flights is in excess of \$2900, explained in the attached documents.

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This is a clear example of use of state property or resources for a personal gain.

Date or dates of alleged violations

Apr. 1 24-26, 2019

Attach documents which support your allegations.

(Attach photocopies; retain the originals for your own records.)

Attached flash drive, 3 files

Verification of Complaint

State of West Virginia, County of Kanawha:

I, ROBERT CORNELIUS, the Complainant named in the attached Complaint,
(name of person filing the Complaint)

being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations contained herein are true, except so far as they are stated to be on information and belief. If they are on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Complainant's signature [Signature] Date: 8/28/19

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of August, 2019

[Signature]
Notary Public's Signature

